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[For the Roundabout.]  
First Impressions.

My mind's in the state  
Of an old scratched slate.  
The slate of an idle lad;  
With figures and marks,  
And fishes and larks,  
And animals good and bad.

I have washed it clean  
With a sponge, I ween.  
But soon as it comes to dry,  
The figures are clear,  
The pictures appear,  
No matter how hard I try.

What I say or do,  
They are shining through—  
The scratches made there in  
play—  
And they mar and flaw  
What I seek to draw  
In a sober mood to-day.

H. H. F.

## KENTUCKY.

Read Before the Kentucky Historical  
Society June 7th.

Land of a pre-historic race,  
And Indian's happy hunting ground;  
Kentucky: here we briefly trace  
Thy history—thy praise we sound.

Long ages saw the bison roam,  
With wolf and bear, thy hills and dales,  
While nomads found a transient home  
Beside thy rills—within thy vales.

For centuries thy fertile soil,  
Stranger to plow-share and to corn,  
Made ready for the hand of toil,  
While Progress veiled her waiting morn.

Some unmarked graves hold crumbling  
bones,  
And bits of rudest earthenware;  
And these, with flints and pipes and stones,  
Tell us of Ancients sleeping there.

Unlettered races such as these,  
Builders of mounds, or Nimrods bold,  
Lived, laughed and gambled at their  
ease;  
Nor saw thy glories e'er unfold.

We praise them not; nor yet may blame  
Their feeble purposes in life;  
They little knew of toil, or fame;  
Yet little knew of wrong, or strife.

Distant thy settlers formed their lines;  
Though building wiser than they knew;  
Lo! as the march of Empire winds,  
Thy hills, majestic, rise to view.

In course of time Italia's son  
Set sail upon his Western flight;  
Anon, at Plymouth Rock, begun  
Protest and sacrifice for right.

Anon, in Philadelphia's hall,  
Men, resolute and fearless, came;  
Came at their Country's warning call;  
□ And Freemen spoke in Freedom's name.

While France saw Kingly power o'er-  
thrown,  
And England's sword was stained with  
wrong,

Here Liberty and Right, alone,  
Built a Republic great and strong.

Link in a chain of mighty States;  
Dear old Kentucky, thou art known;  
Safe in that prestige which awaits  
Valor and worth to greatness grown.

Fair is this panoramic land—  
Balm to the air, where all are free—  
Praise be to God whose bounteous hand  
Hath blessed our home—hath given us  
Thee.

The wolf, the bear and panther, famished—  
The Wilderness and Savage foes—  
Rude scenes of War—all these have  
vanished;

Lo, in the desert blooms the rose.

Some Master-Spirits wrestled here  
With savage beasts and savage men;  
Here Daniel Boone, brave pioneer,  
Strove as a dauntless Ajax, then

Fair woman came, with courage rare,  
To share the dangers of that day;  
The savage, and the wild beast's lair,  
Could not keep Love, sublime, away.

Time saw the white man here remain,  
As tiller of thy teeming lands;  
Then all thy valleys smiled with grain,  
And Labor waved its myriad hands.

Deep in thy hills the workmen wrought  
And gathered wealth in coal and ore,  
And from thy fields and forests brought  
Rich, varied, long-neglected stores,  
Flo'ers and fruits thy gardens grace;  
Cities and hamlets dot thy plains;

Commerce and Learning here find place,  
And Agriculture heaps thy gains.

Many thy sons whose names adorn  
Our history in peace and war;  
Worthy thy statesmen—freemen born—  
Of praise and honor, near and far.

One—only one—of these we name,  
A monarch tall in forest vast—  
Our Clay, who rose to heights of fame—  
Whose voice was as a trumpet blast.

Matrons and maids—Thy daughters shine  
In courts of Freemen; likewise free;  
Fairest of women—these are thine,  
Kentucky—ever thine shall be.

Queen of the South-land, (we behold)—  
Land of the corn and land of the wine;  
Lo, not the least upon thy scroll,  
Are toilers thine in field and mine.

These are thy bulwarks—they to thee  
Add strength and honor—these adorn  
Thy hills and valleys—these shall be  
Thy vanguard, in the coming morn!

Ever advancing, ever brave,  
Never a laggard on thy way—  
Kentucky! honors and duties grave  
Await thee in the future day.

ISAAC THOMAS WOODSON.

## Prisoner Dies From Injuries.

Some three weeks since Thos. Hays and Sam Nettleton, two convicts sent up from Louisville for housebreaking, became involved in a difficulty, Nettleton accusing Hays of "snitching" (tale bearing). Nettleton secured a hatchet and followed Hays up, striking him on the head, driving the outer skull against the inner plate.

After several days in the hospital, Hays became well enough, to all appearances, to be about. On Tuesday he was taken suddenly ill, caused by the injury to the brain sloughing, and died.

Coroner Meagher was notified and held an inquest on Wednesday when the jury returned a verdict in accordance with the facts, a post mortem having disclosed the cause of death. Nettleton will, no doubt, be tried for murder at the September term of circuit court.

**CASTORIA.**  
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simile  
signature  
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No Wonder Boston Turned Cold on Us.

On Wednesday last the Louisville Base Ball Club actually won a game from the Benneaters by the score of 7 to 6. No wonder then that Boston should turn cold on us and that overcoats were in demand. Such a thing is enough to turn the spine of a Bostonian into a column of ice.

## The Hot Weather.

Commencing with Saturday the mercury has been way up to the sizzling point, no day being less than 94 degrees in maximum temperature, and several days marking as high as 96 to 99. This ought to be hot enough to satisfy every one. This much may be said in its favor, that it kills cut worms, makes corn, wheat, &c., grow and ripens fruit at a rapid rate. So there ought not to be any kick coming.

## Comes Back to Kentucky.

We are glad to note that our friend, Col. E. C. Hathaway, former Superintendent of the Gas & Electric Light Co., in this city, has been appointed to the Superintendency of the big Electric Light and Belt Line Co., of Lexington. We rejoice to know that our friend is duly appreciated by those in charge of this big company. He will be back in "God's country" again.

## Equalization Board's Work.

The total assessed value of State property, after the Equalization Board had finished its work, has been certified to the different clerks and the State Auditor, to be \$563,288,686, some \$10,000,000 more than for 1898. Under the schedule this will produce a revenue of \$2,957,265.60.

## State Historical Society Meeting.

The Kentucky Historical Society met in annual convocation on Wednesday last. The following program was carried out:

Meeting called to order by the President, Gov. W. O. Bradley.  
Prayer—Rev. Dr. J. McClusky Blaney.

Address of Gov. Bradley.  
"America"—Mr. S. C. Bull and the audience.

Report of the Secretary.  
"Kentucky"—Isaac T. Woodson, Louisville.

Music—Annie Lawrie.  
Address of Prof. Rhoads.

Music—Dixie—By the band.  
"Nameless"—By Henry T. Stanton.  
Mrs. Jennie C. Morton.  
Music—"Auld Lang Syne."

Criticism by Thos. B. Ford—Written during the exercises.

By permission we give elsewhere the poem of Hon. Isaac T. Woodson.

The report of the Secretary is as follows:

FRANKFORT, KY., June 7, 1899.  
To the Kentucky Historical Society, at its second annual meeting since its re-organization in 1896, I submit the following report of newspapers, books, magazines, circulars and donations since February 11, 1899.

MRS. JENNIE C. MORTON,  
Secretary Kentucky Historical Society.

Newspapers and Magazines—Frankfort ROUNDABOUT; Western Argus; Western Kentucky New Era; Farmers Home Journal; Kentucky Journal; The Constitutionalist; The Winchester Sun; Bowling Green News.

Donations—Portrait of Robert Montfort Lucky, Kentucky Poet, presented by J. F. Barbour, Williamsstown, Ky.

An old match safe, Selbert & Keller, Frankfort, Ky.

A needle case of mahogany, more than a 100 years old, used by Mrs. John Clay Brooke, of Virginia (nee Sallie Overton, sister of Waller Overton, one of the early settlers of Kentucky), and an Indian arrow head. A rock from the Natural Bridge, Va., contributed by Miss Eliza Overton, Frankfort, Ky.

A small hair trunk, for jewels, brought to Virginia before the Revolution, loaned by Miss Sally Jackson.

A number of curious specimens, shells, ossified walnuts, quartz from lead, silver and gold mines in Kentucky, contributed by Mrs. Jennie C. Morton.

History of the Battle Monument at West Point, N. Y. Annual report of the Smithsonian Institution 1896.

2d annual report of the Smithsonian Institution 1896. U. S. National Museum, Washington City. Report of the Philosophical Society, Philadelphia. Catalogue of rare portraits, autographs, letters, &c., Paris, France. Natural Science, a monthly review of scientific progress, Edinburgh and London. American Historical Association, Book, New York. The Reliquary and Illustrated Archaeologist, Bemrose & Sons, Old Bailey, London. E. C. Bow, Chelsea and Derby porcelain, William Bemrose, London Derby. Comfort, Augusta, Me. Book list, Honolulu, Hawaii. Old Churches, Edinburgh, Scotland, 1897. Annual report of the Board of Regents of the Smithsonian Institution, 1898. Steel engraving, Lucius B. Marsh; President Marsh, Family Association, Salem, Mass.

At the conclusion of the exercises, which marked one of the most successful meetings of the Society, and which was more largely attended than any heretofore held, the ladies of the "Colonial Society" entertained a large number of invited guests with suitable refreshments, which were thoroughly enjoyed by every one present.

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